

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 606

By Bryson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Joan Archer on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, Joan Archer is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for many years as Executive Director for the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (TCJFCJ); she took a much deserved retirement from this important post on June 30, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Joan Archer began her illustrious career working as a social worker for the Alabama Department of Pensions and Security with a caseload of 360 old age and permanently disabled pension recipients; and

WHEREAS, from September 1964 to December 1969, Ms. Archer taught middle school social studies, English, and math classes in Huntsville, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, from December 1969 to November 1978, she worked as a Juvenile Probation Officer for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Court in Huntsville, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Joan Archer served with distinction as a Counselor at the Spencer Youth Center (now Woodland Hills) in Nashville, Tennessee, from November 1978 to April 1981; and

WHEREAS, from 1981 to September 1984, Ms. Archer served as a Juvenile Justice Program Specialist and later became the first Director of the Juvenile Justice Division for the Tennessee Children's Services Commission (now the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth); and

WHEREAS, a tireless and effective public servant, she worked as a Program Specialist for the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation in the Mentally Retarded Offender Division from September 1984 to December 1985; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Archer dutifully served as Executive Director of the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges from December 1985 to April of 2005, working diligently to support and help the judges and staff of Tennessee's juvenile courts to fairly and fully administer justice to children who need protection and guidance; and

WHEREAS, bringing permanency and stability to the lives of children through her estimable efforts, Joan Archer thoroughly communicated policy and practice information to our juvenile courts, enabling them to carry out the provisions of Tennessee law pertaining to dependent children needing the protection and guidance of the court; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Archer's professional efforts as Executive Director also enabled Tennessee's juvenile court system to hold accountable juveniles who committed offenses and were found delinquent and in need of treatment and rehabilitation in order to become law-abiding, productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, from April 2005 to June 30, 2005, she worked as a consultant to Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) during the transition of the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges to the Administrative Office of the Courts; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to public service, Joan Archer has dedicated her life to helping the marginalized and disadvantaged youth of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, before moving to Bellevue, Ms. Archer owned and operated a small farm where she enjoyed riding and caring for horses; she continues to evince her deep love and passion for animals by adopting and caring for numerous abandoned and stray cats; and

WHEREAS, Joan Archer exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Joan Archer has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and clients alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Joan Archer for her meritorious service to the great State of Tennessee and the youth of this state and the nation and extend to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.